

shared sacrifice among the Veterans, and the honor of having been one of the 16 million men and women who served during World War II. This "Greatest Generation" is responsible for so much of America's prosperity, and on behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First District, I would like to recognize these heroes for their service, sacrifice, and continued patriotism. The motto of the Honor Flight Program reads "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." It was my pleasure to do so on September 22, 2011, and honor these heroes who are responsible for the greatest victory of the 20th Century.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China on its 100th Anniversary, which will take place on October 10th of this year.

I am proud to celebrate this tremendous milestone for Taiwan, not only because of the state's strong relationship with the United States, but as an example worldwide of the power of democracy to improve the quality of life for all citizens and create a healthy and diverse economy.

Indeed Taiwan was established to reflect the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a man who had a vision for a democratic Chinese state inspired by American ideals of freedom of expression, representative government, and an independent judiciary. The promotion of these ideals is never easy, and the promotion of democracy in Taiwan has been a long process to be sure, yet the principles established by Dr. Sun remain a hallmark of Taiwan today.

And just as Taiwan was an early Asian backer of democratic principles and ideals, the ROC government—on Taiwan since 1949—was also an early adapter and proponent of market reforms and economic liberalization that define the modern global economy. Taiwan has seen a meteoric rise ever since, is a force in the global technology sector, and the island's economy is one of the largest in Asia and in the top tier of the developed world.

I want to again congratulate Taiwan on this most auspicious anniversary, and I look forward to continuing the strong and deep relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Matthew Christopher Salazar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts

such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Matthew has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING MAURICE SPIEGEL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize my constituent, Maurice Spiegel, who will turn 100 years old on October 27, 2011. Maurie, as he is known, is the son of Max Spiegel and Ida Kaplan, and has an older sister, Tillie, and five brothers, Lou, Irv, Frank, Hy, and Bill.

Growing up near Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street in the City of Chicago, Maurie encountered great difficulties as a young boy. His family struggled to make ends meet, and his mother had to raise the children on her own. To help his family, Maurie began selling newspapers, putting whatever he earned under his mother's pillow. When his family could no longer afford school supplies, Maurie dropped out of high school and started working in order to contribute even more.

According to his family, Maurie was very athletic as a child. He was well known for his skills in soft ball and hitting home runs. He was also a great swimmer, once saving a child from drowning. Living in a tough neighborhood, Maurie learned to defend himself and his younger brothers, though he always maintained that he never started a fight, just finished them! Today, Maurie is now known for his outstanding ability in the game of checkers.

During World War II, Maurie served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 and was stationed in Attu, which is the westernmost island of the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Maurie obtained his high school G.E.D. and took several college courses under the G.I. Bill after his military service. He worked various positions for the United States Postal Service in Chicago for 27 years until his retirement. Despite being retired, Maurie worked as a messenger for Continental Bank for another 15 years. Since high school, Maurie has worked full time until he was almost 80 years old.

Maurie married the love of his life, Lucille, and had one son, Harvey. Lucille and Maurie moved into North Park Village Apartments in 1984. Lucille passed away in 1987. Harvey says of his parents, "My dad was the most loyal and reliable husband to my mom. They were a couple who truly loved each other."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maurice "Maurie" Spiegel on his 100th birthday. His life is a wonderful testament of his immense love for his family and of his outstanding dedication and service to his community and the United States of America.

HONORING MR. NORMAN W. GREEN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the death of United States Army veteran Mr. Norman W. Green.

Mr. Green served in the Army during the Korean War with the 187th Air-borne Regimental Combat Team. He participated in the regimental parachute assault on Sukchon, North Korea, during the 1950 Battle of Pakchon. Mr. Green was later wounded and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Green was devoted to his local communities, first in Cleveland, OH, as a union painter and later in Dunkirk, NY, as a local business owner and entrepreneur.

Mr. Green was also a family man. He leaves behind a widow, Mrs. Ruth Gestwicki Green, two children, a daughter Nancy and a son Norman. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

It is with great pride that I rise today to remember Mr. Norman W. Green, a veteran of our Nation's armed forces and a proud member of this wonderful community.

FAIRFAX KIWANIS CLUB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Fairfax Kiwanis Club which will recognize the 65th Anniversary of the club on October 4th, 2011. A special ceremony will take place to honor the history and tradition of the Fairfax Kiwanis Club that has existed since 1946.

The Fairfax Kiwanis Club is involved with numerous service projects each year. When a community need arises, the Kiwanis club is ready to respond. Such was the case when the local library needed a sidewalk replaced. The club responded by raising \$25,000 for the project. The Fairfax Kiwanis club is very active with youth activities, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The club participates in international efforts in addition to their service in the local community.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement. Since its founding in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanis has grown to more than 8,400 clubs in 96 nations. There are about 606,600 active members in the Kiwanis family, representing nearly every culture on every continent, all seeking to improve people's lives. Kiwanians give their time to make their communities and world better places in which to live and work.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Fairfax Kiwanis Club. The Fairfax Kiwanis Club is a tremendous service organization that serves its community well.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND TEAM WHO WON THE
SOLAR DECATHLON 2011

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a talented team of students from my alma mater, the University of Maryland, who this weekend won first place at the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon 2011 here in Washington.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon is a competition among collegiate teams to design and build solar-powered houses that combine affordability and appeal to consumers with energy-efficiency and design excellence. The University of Maryland team's house, WaterShed, was awarded first place in recognition of its innovative use of solar energy and water conservation, excellent design, and strong performance in daily competitions. In addition to winning the overall competition, the Maryland team also proved victorious in the Architecture Contest and tied for first with perfect scores in both the Hot Water and Energy Balance contests.

Over 200 students, representing a wide variety of disciplines including architecture, engineering, environmental science and plant sciences, contributed to WaterShed, making Maryland's victory a truly collaborative effort. By blending innovation and technology with sustainability and conservation, these students demonstrated the creativity, teamwork, technical knowledge, and determination that are essential as we work to revive our economy and regain our nation's place as a leader in high tech and sustainable manufacturing.

The hard work of the Maryland team, and the work of the 19 other teams involved in the competition, illustrate the goals of the Make It In America plan that my Democratic colleagues and I are pursuing. The Make It In America plan emphasizes support for American firms developing new clean energy technologies, creating jobs while investing in a more sustainable future. This competition, with its focus on both cost-effectiveness and energy-efficiency, is an excellent example of the approach we need to pursue to achieve our economic and sustainability goals.

I would like to recognize the work of student leaders Jay Chmielewski, David Daily, Leah Davies, Steve Emiling, Isabel Enerson, Tamir Ezzat, Michael Feldman, David Gavin, Jeff Gipson, Newton Gorrell, Joseph Ijjas, Moshe Katz, Yehuda Katz, Lynn Khuu, Zachary Klipstein, Parlin Meyer, Jeff Rappaport, Matt Sickles, Evan Smith, Scott Tjaden, Kevin Vandeman, Nick Weadock, Allison Wilson, and Veronika Zhiteneva and faculty team members Mike Binder, Patricia Kosco Cossard, Amy Gardner, Brian Grieb, Dr. Keith Herold, Madlen Simon, Dr. David Tilley and Brittany Williams.

The University of Maryland team—including students, faculty, and professional mentors—should be congratulated for their impressive accomplishments, and I am proud to honor these exceptional individuals. I urge my colleagues to join with me in applauding this impressive feat, and I ask unanimous consent that the names of the team members, the extended team and the mentors be included in the RECORD following my statement.

Team Members: Ali Alaswadi, Benjamin Bates, Amy Chen, Brennan Clark, Linda Clark Michael Craton, Natalya Dikhanov, Eric Gellman, James Han, Justin Heil, Justin Huang, Erik Kornfeld, John Kucia, Allen Meizlish, Jeffrey Sze and Andrew Taverner.

Extended Team: Sahin Arikoglu, Alex Atahua, Rishi Banerjee, Justin Bare, Katherine Beisler, Jacob Bialek, Paul Bilger, Christopher Binkley, Ian Black, Andrew Bruno, Victoria Chang, Wen-Hui Chen, Ethan Cowan, Justin Cullen, Diana Daisey, Adam Davies, Aleron Dsilva, Mariam Eshete, Eric Faughnan, Ryan Fitch, Meredith Friedman, Holman Gao, Louis Gbone, Philip Geilman, Phil Geiman, Marisa Gomez, Karen Hillis, Ananya Hiremath, Vanessa Hoffman, Amy Hudson, Phil Jacks, Peter James, Eric Joerdens, Christine Kandigian, Jacob Kunken, Christopher Leung, Arik Lubkin, Christopher Luther, Ryan Maisel, Bracha Mandel, Maria Martello, Zachary Martinez, Abe Massad, Mark Matovich, Shakira McCall, Kenneth Morgan, Christopher Myers, Zachary Nerenberg, Matthew Newman, Yuchen Nie, Albert Palmer, Daniel Perdomo, Robert Pettit, Chau Pham, Georgina Pinnock, Kaitlin Pless, Olga Pushkareva, James Ramil, Mark Reese, Raheena Rehman, Nicolas Roldos, Boateng Rosemond, Michele Rubenstein, Michael Satoh, Charles Schupler, Juliet Serem, Valerie Smith, Jacob Steinberg, Michael Taylor, Alexander Tonetti, Marcela Trice, Katherine Vocke, Nader Wallerich, Luxi Wang, Amy Weber, Sofia Weller, Christine Wertz, Kiley Wilfong, Christine Wirth, Fawna Xiao, Diane Ye, and Jesse Yurow.

Mentors: Deborah Bauer, Grant Baxter, Charlie Berliner, Dan Blankfeld, Joe Bolewski, Brian Borak, Erin Carlisle, John Cartagirone, Chris Cobb, John Coventry, Adam Eurich, Taz Ezzat, George Fritz, Julie Gabrielli, Aditya Gaddam, Jennifer Gilmer, Anne Hicks Harney, Maggie Haslam, Ray Hayleck, Joan Honeyman, Ming Hu, Adam Keith, Peter Kelley, Benson Kwong, Mike Lawrence, Dale Leidich, John Love, Kristen Markham, Evan Merkel, John Morris, Frank Plummer, Don Posson, Kristin Potterton, Tyler Sines, Niklas Vigener, Dan Vlacich, Fred Werth, Bill Wiley, Jay Williams, and Dan Zimmerman.

TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO QUALIFY HOMELESS YOUTH WHO ARE STUDENTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, at any given time more than 1 million youth are homeless in America. In the midst of a recession where Federal, State, and local government budgets are being cut, needed services for these youth have all but disappeared.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits have helped fill this void and create private-public partnerships to build affordable low income housing. This housing has been invaluable in providing much needed shelter for those hit hardest by the recession. Unfortunately, a quirk in the law prohibits full time students, who were previously homeless from living in

these units. A homeless youth, who wishes to pursue full time education, must choose between education and remaining homeless. This is not a choice our youth should make, nor is this a policy America has ever supported.

Education has always been the cornerstone of American excellence and ingenuity. Even more, an education remains the best hope for homeless youth to escape poverty as adults. It is critical that we fix this defect in the law, and ensure that our youth are given every opportunity to reach their educational goals.

PALESTINIANS AT THE UN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, while the Palestinians engage in political theater at the United Nations, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict gets no closer to resolution and the Palestinians get no closer to a real state. A Palestinian state can only come about through direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Instead of working toward peace, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is engaging in political theater that will leave the Palestinian people even more frustrated with the lack of tangible results.

I am pleased that President Barack Obama stood up at the United Nations General Assembly and told the world that "Peace will not come through statements and resolutions at the U.N." It was a brave speech that will make him less popular in many quarters, but it was the right thing to do.

America believes in a two state solution. Israel believes in a two state solution. The Quartet believes in a two state solution. But there is a big difference between a theoretical ideal and the nuts and bolts of defining a new country's borders, ensuring the security of its neighbors, and resolving open issues regarding refugees and water rights. And while Israel has conceded the right of the Palestinians to have their own state, the Palestinians have never acknowledged the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state.

The fig leaf of an agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority cannot hide the fact that the two factions remain at war with one another for control and that Hamas remains determined to erase Israel from the globe. They have managed to maintain an uneasy truce in order to secure international approbation, but it is unlikely to last. If Hamas wins the struggle or remains a significant element of the government without renouncing terrorism and its determination to destroy Israel, then the fledgling Palestinian state would be established with the intent of waging war on Israel. That is an unacceptable outcome, particularly if the UN, which was founded to promote peace, serves as the midwife to the new state.

What we are witnessing at the United Nations is nothing more than a popularity contest. And when it comes to a popularity contest, the Palestinians win. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation has 57 states. There is only one Jewish state.

UN recognition of a Palestinian State will yield few changes in the lives of most Palestinians. The most significant tangible result